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SUBJ: GHANA FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS IVORY COAST

SUMMARY: GHANA FOREIGN MINISTER KWAME BAAH PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO IVORY COAST JAN 28-31. BAAH WAS WARMLY RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND OTHER GOIC OFFICIALS. FINAL COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZED COMMONALITY OF INTERESTS AND VIEWS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THEIR INTENTION TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN THE LINKS BETWEEN THEM. GOIC FONMIN ASSOUAN USHER ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM BAAH TO PAY RECIPROCAL VISIT TO GHANA. END SUMMARY.

1. GHANA FOREIGN MINISTER KWAMA BAAH PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO IVORY COAST JAN 28-31, ACCOMPANIED BY DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED COL. V. COKER APPIAH, J. A. KEYREMEH, AND M. K. GBAGONAH, GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST. BAAH WAS WARMLY RECEIVED BY GOIC AND HAD MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND OTHER GOIC OFFICIALS, IN ADDITION TO SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH HIS GOIC COUNTERPART, FONMIN ASSOUAN USHER.

2. FINAL COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZED WARMTH AND EXCELLENCE OF RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. COMMUNIQUE NOTED MUTUAL SUPPORT OF OAU AND OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS WELL
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AS BATTLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACISM. STATEMENT ALSO

CALLED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF LINKS EXISTING BETWEEN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC CULTURAL, TRANSPORT, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD. COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED WITH INVITATION BY BAAH TO IVORIAN FONMIN USHER TO PAY RECIPROCAL OFFICIAL VISIT TO GHANA, AN INVITATION WHICH USHER ACCEPTED.

3. COMMENT: IT WAS A WORKING VISIT, WITH MINIMAL PROTOCOL GHANA AMBASSADOR GRAGONAH REPORTS THAT THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION WAS THE COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION WHICH GHANA WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ACTIVE.
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